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SUBJECT: UNCITRAL - CONFERENCE ON CARRIAGE OF GOODS BY SEA, HAMBURG

SUMMARY: REQUEST MARAD SUPPLY DATA ON SIZE OF U.S.
AND CANADIAN GREAT LAKES FLEETS AND SEA-
GOING FLEETS LAID UP BY OTHER COUNTRIES.

1. A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE IN COMMITTEE II OF SUBJECT
CONFERENCE WITH REGARD TO FINAL CLAUSES BRINGING CONVEN-
TION INTO FORCE THAT A PERCENTAGE OF WORLD FLEET BE ONE
OF THE CRITERIA FOR BRINGING CONVENTION INTO FORCE.
PROPOSAL WOULD SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDE BOTH U.S. AND
CANADIAN GREAT LAKES FLEETS AND U.S. RESERVE FLEET.
VESSELS LAID UP BY OTHER NATIONS ARE NOT TO BE EXCLUDED
FROM CALCULATIONS OF FLEET SIZE IN PROPOSAL. GREAT LAKES
FLEET INVOLVED IN U.S.- CANADIAN TRADE WOULD BE SUBJECT
TO THE CONVENTION. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT EXCLUSION OF
THESE FLEETS WOULD REDUCE EFFECTIVE U.S. VOICE IN BRINGING
CONVENTION INTO FORCE.

2. REQUEST MARAD PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
ASSIST U.S. DELEGATION: (1) NUMBER OF VESSELS, GROSS,
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NET AND DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE OF BOTH U.S. AND CANADIAN
GREAT LAKES FLEETS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL
CARRIAGE, AND (2) NUMBER OF SHIPS, GROSS, NET AND
DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE LAID UP AROUND THE WORLD BY TYPE
OF VESSEL (LINER, TANKER, BULK) ON A COUNTRY BY COUNTRY
BASIS.

3. FYI BILL YOUNG, CHIEF, OFFICE OF STATISTICS MARAD,
IS AWARE OF PROPOSED CONVENTION AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRO-
VIDE ASSISTANCE.
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